

## The Early Childhood Coordinating Council Seeks Parent Involvement!



The Early Childhood Coordinating Council (EC3) is appointed by the Governor to advise and assist the Department of Health and Welfare and other early childhood service providers on issues about all young children (birth through age eight) and their families. Members of the Council work together during quarterly meetings and monthly conference calls. Meetings are held in Boise over a two day period during the months of September, November, February and May. The Council is comprised of parents of children with special needs, government officials, early childhood experts and representation from most of the early childhood statewide stakeholders.

Why is parent participation necessary and valued?

- To help maintain the focus on children and families.

- To offer expertise about issues in raising young children and available resources and services.

- To assist agencies in developing and promoting services that meet the needs of families.

- To provide information and education to decision makers.

- To add local and regional information.

- To provide personal experience of families of children with disabilities and other consumers.

- To help plan and oversee the implementation of the statewide early childhood plan.



Serving as a parent member on the EC3 offers an opportunity to listen to early childhood issues in the state as well as respond and provide comments and recommendations to organizations and current state legislation. Parent membership also provides great leadership opportunities!

Costs for travel, child care and meals will be reimbursed.

To serve as a parent member on the Council please apply by contacting:  
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